

RESPONSE

Attorney Docket No. 23853-A

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the above-indicated claim amendments, along with the response to the outstanding rejections filed on September 10, 2003.

Claims 57-61, 63-66 and 70-71 are allowed. Claims 62 and 67-69 are amended. The amendments do not introduce any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing amendments, and response filed on September 10, 2003, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully and earnestly requested to favorably act and allow all pending claims presented herein for reconsideration. Favorable action with an early allowance of the claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney if she has any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

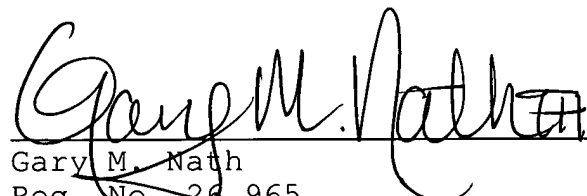
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